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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Under 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the
attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure
giving date of a first Office Action on the merits for
the attached.

that the Examiner consider the listed documents
by making appropriate notations on the attached

statement that a search has been made or that no
an admission that each or all of the listed
prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the

documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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